



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

Third Sunday of Lent

12th March 2023, Year A, Psalter Week 3

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First Reading: Reading from the book of Exodus Ex 17:3-7

Give us water to drink.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 94:1-2.6-9

R/. O that today you would listen to his voice: 'Harden not your hearts'.

Second Reading: Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans Rm 5:1-2.5-8

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

Gospel: Gospel according to John Jn 4:5-42

A spring of water welling up to eternal life.

Anniversary List

Please pray for Fr Jim Sheppard, Pat Magee, Joan O'Reilly recently deceased, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Sr Frances McGauran, Mary Ellen and Frank Houston, Anne O'Connell, Moira Ramsey, Brendan and Patricia McBrien, Frederick Charles McBride, Noreen and Brian Graham, Janette Lagan, James O'Neill, John Walsh, Anna McMurray, Philomena McCullough, Elizabeth Jamison, Charlie McGettigan

May they rest in peace

The Liturgy

Sunday Mass

Saturday: 6.00 pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 9.30 am
12.00 noon

Weekday Mass

Monday: 7.00 pm
Tuesday: 9.30 am
Wednesday: 9.30 am
Thursday: 9.30 am
Friday: 7.00 pm
Saturday: 12 noon



Confession

Monday: 7.30 pm – 8.00 pm

Friday: 6.30 pm – 7.00 pm

Saturday: 12.30 pm – 1.00 pm &
5.30 pm – 6:00 pm

Baptisms

1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month at 1.30pm
Please contact the Parish Office to book

Marriages

At least 6 months' notice required prior to date of Marriage.

Please contact Fr O'Donnell

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday: 7.30 pm – 8.00 pm

PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekly Collection 5th March: £6297.76

Monthly Collection 5th March: £3513.00



Thank you for your continued support

Bulletin Notices and Anniversaries

Bulletin Notices should be with the Parish Office by **12 noon on Thursday** to be included in the weekend bulletin.

Lenten Programme

Morning Prayer: Monday to Friday at 7.30am in the Church

Women walking together through Lent: Each Wednesday at 7.30pm in No 40

Inter Church Lenten Services: each Sunday at 7pm (see Bulletin for Venues)

Parish Penitential Service: Palm Sunday, 2nd April, at 4pm

Re-Introduction of Collection during Mass

From **this weekend**, (11th/12th March), the collection during mass will be re-introduced. The black strongbox will remain, for the timebeing, in the Church Entrance Lobby.

The **next weekend**, 18th/19th March, we will introduce “A contactless Card Reader” which will be on the Paperstand in the Church Entrance Lobby.

Inter Church Lenten Services

Theme: Setting our hearts on fire

Sunday 12th March at 7pm

St Brigid's Church at 7pm Preaching Rev Barry McCroskery

Sunday 19th March at 7pm

Windsor Presbyterian Church Preaching Very Rev Edward O'Donnell

Sunday 26th March at 7pm

McCracken Memorial Church Preaching Rev Elsie McCroskery

Short Book Club

Our next discussion session will take place at **10:10am** after Mass in **St Bride's Hall** on **Wednesday 15 March** and the book we will be considering will be **How (Not) To Be Strong** by **Alex Scott** - former England football international and current broadcaster. The book was an instant bestseller on the Sunday Times Lists. Come along and join us for debate and coffee/tea. New members are always welcome. To join our mailing list - email mmmikemoran@aol.com.

St Brigid's One World Group
SYRIAN EARTHQUAKE COLLECTION
THANK YOU!



Many thanks to all who, through their generosity in giving to the collection and at the Bread and Soup Lunch, have raised an amazing **£81,796**, including gift aid.

All money raised is going directly to the Jesuit Mission in Aleppo, Syria who are providing humanitarian aid to those affected by the earthquake.



Youth Pilgrimage to Rome: Raffle



St Brigid's Youth Faith and GIFT 5 are heading to Rome at the end of June for a 6 day Pilgrimage. We are running a raffle to help raise much needed funds to be used for entrance fees, coach transfers and lunches which are not included in our package deal.

Tickets are £10 each and the Raffle is live now and will run until Good Friday (7th April). Winners will be notified after the raffle ends.



Prizes include - Apple iPad, Apple Watch, His & Hers Designer Ray-ban Sunglasses, £100 voucher for Stafford Hair, Voucher for Aura Day Spa, Voucher for the Lyric Theatre and much more!

Link for tickets: raffall.com/334266/enter-raffle-to-win-youth-pilgrimage-raffle-hosted-by-lisa-o-kane



St Patrick's Day

Friday 17th March 2023

Mass Times: 7.00pm Vigil (16th March)
9.30am and 7.00pm



Synodality and St Brigid's Parish

Walking together:

Following on from our parish survey of last year, and as part of a wider movement across the Catholic Church, and with a desire to see St Brigid's be a place where people connect and explore their faith, three evenings after Easter have been set aside to which parishioners are invited, and where they can talk openly and honestly about how they live out their faith. There will be more information in the weeks ahead.

The evenings are: **19th April, 26th April and 3rd May**

Please note these dates in your diary!

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2023-2024

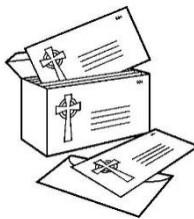
The **Parish Offertory Envelopes** for 2023/24 will be distributed in the coming weeks for the new year.

If you would like to avail of our **Standing Order option**, our standing order form can be download from our parish website at this link below: stbrigidsparishbelfast.org/Standing-Order

For new residents in St Brigid's, or those who have not been receiving a box and wish to, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible: 02890 665409

NB: *if you have moved address within the last year please make sure you have advised the office to update your details even if you are not receiving offertory envelopes. Thank you.*

Our volunteer Runners who assisted us last year have been contacted but if would like to help with the distribution of boxes in your area please get in touch with Lisa in the Parish Office. Thank you for your support.

An advertisement for a clothing sale. The background shows two light-colored, ribbed cardigans hanging on white hangers against a grey background. A white circular text box is overlaid on the image. In the top right corner, there is a logo for 'trócaire' with the tagline 'Working for a just world.' and a circular emblem featuring a dog. A green plant with large leaves is visible in the bottom right corner.

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Working for a just world.

Pre-loved
Clothing Sale
in aid of
Trócaire Turkey
and Syria Appeal

The Catholic Chaplaincy
28 Elmwood Avenue

Monday 13th March -
Friday 24th March
10am-3pm each day